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Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

Workgroup on Pollinator Protection

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Labeling

Need for clearer label language

Information on the Residual Toxicity (RT₂₅) is very useful to all stakeholders.

Questions regarding:

- Implementation**
- level playing field (where data is, or is not available)**
- how the RT data may be different depending upon environmental conditions, or geographic region.**

Information on BMPs

BMPs

The need to coordinate and distribute BMPs

- Some BMPs are generic others are local; need to first create a central site for pollinator BMPs

The need to support research on BMPs

- Research to investigate new BMPs e.g. repellants
- Research on benefits (\$) of BMPs

The BMP Subgroup has identified several Generic BMPs

- Apply pesticides when bees are not foraging
- Provide clean water for bees
- Avoid drift
- Employ RT₂₅ Information to protect bees
- Avoid applying compounds where extended residual toxicity will overlap with the period of bloom
- Develop resistance management for varroacides

Communication/Education/Training

Develop a central website

Incorporate BMPs into training material that can be used in certification and training programs.

Enforcement

Need for improved, standardized and traceable reporting for beekill incidents.

- Improve the mechanism for reporting
- Standardize what is reported

Explore ways to get public input into FIFRA enforcement manual and guidance development.

Grant guidance: making pollinator protection a priority in the EPA cooperative grant process with states.

PPWVG Common Themes

